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SUBJ: FIRST SALE OF AUSTRALIAN IRON ORE TO PRC

1. SEPTEMBER 4 PRESS REPORTS SALE BY GOLDSWORTHY MINING, SMALLEST OF THE PILBARA (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) PRODUCERS. CONTRACT IS FOR A TRIAL SHIPMENT OF 20,000 TONS OF LUMP ORE TO BE LOADED AT PORT HEDLAND SOMETIME THIS MONTH. DEAL REPORTEDLY INITIATED AT LAST YEAR'S CANTON FAIR THROUGH TENNANT TRADING (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD.
2. PRESS SPECULATES AT LENGTH AS TO PROSPECTS PRC AS LONG TERM BUYER OF AUSTRALIAN ORE, POINTING OUT JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN DEMAND ALREADY RUNNING INTO CAPACITY LIMITS AUSTRALIAN PRODUCERS. CONSENSUS APPEARS TO BE THAT WHILE PILBARA REGION OFFERS SAME TRANSPORT ADVANTAGE FOR CHINESE MARKET AS FOR JAPANESE, ANY MAJOR ADDITIONAL CHINESE ORDERS WILL REQUIRE EITHER DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DEPOSITS OR SHARING OF BUSINESS AMONG PILBARA PRODUCERS.
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